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It Ain't Fair—
Good clean competition is fair. In the opinion of Lynn Chandler, but the use of outlandish methods is unfair.

Chandler and Jimmy Welch have a fishing contest that dates away back when each tries to get the biggest and the most fish. For some reason best known to fishermen.

Last Sunday Welch went fishing. He not only selected a day which was not windy for fishing anyway, but went to Hidden Lake near Bard, apparently thinking no one would know about his expedition.

The boat turned over and Welch was given a dunking, so he says. But Chandler doesn't believe his story. Chandler contends that Welch forgot his fishing hawk and had to give for his fish. And diving for fish isn't in the contest.

The Darlings—
Do you know who were the sleeping beauties of the last blackout? Jack Tackett and T. P. Farmer snored away instead of reporting to headquarters like good little policemen are supposed to do.

What a Scolding!—
Mrs. George Bucklin's little three-year-old grandson, Larry Butler, was terribly interested when his father, E. P. Butler, was given a traffic ticket in Los Angeles.

Papa Butler had to go to police headquarters. Larry insisted upon going along. Nothing would do but Larry go to court.

When they returned home after the ordeal, Mrs. Butler asked her son if the police scolded his father. "No," said Larry, "but they sure scolded his pocketbook."

Stony Heart—
A feminine motorist skipped a boulevard stop and Highway Patrolman Tillman Daley caught her at it. He stopped her and opened his ticket book.

The lady leaned out of the car and cooed at Tilly.

"You're going to let me go, aren't you, officer?" Tilly replied as he continued his scribbling, "just as soon as I write this ticket."

What a Car—
The coffee and doughnut dunking club was in full swing Tuesday morning. The raid on Santa Barbara was the main topic for the world-problem-setting boys.

L. R. Jefferson, former El Centro, listened to the talk for a while. Then he interrupted:

"I was in Santa Barbara when I heard the fifth shot fired. I was in El Centro before the raid was over."

Draft Induction Process Speeded
Men ordered into the United States Army under the selective service system will be inducted the same day they are given Army examinations, John W. Donohue, chairman of the El Centro draft board announced Thursday.

Officials said the war department assured them that if immediate induction will cause undue hardship, the men will be given an immediate furlough to adjust civilian affairs. Previously the selectees had about 10 days between physical examinations and their induction into the service.

The local boards are expected to weed out the obviously unfit men. To speed up induction, Donohue said, men rated as acceptable for service will be notified to report for induction instead of receiving a notice to report for physical examination.

I. V. Fair Called Morale Builder
Imperial county's thirteenth annual fair, March 7 to 15, was lauded Thursday as an agency of Americanism and a morale builder by officials of the United States government and Governor Culbert L. Olson of California.

The federal government sent Secretary Dorman Stewart of the fair a quantity of "Food for Freedom" posters stressing the importance of agriculture as one of the nation's first lines of defense. Stewart was requested to display these posters during the fair.

This year's fair will be bigger and better than ever, fair officials said. Miniature aviation, always one of youth's stellar attractions at the annual fairs since 1935, will be more important than ever this year because of national defense.

Miniature aviation contests for this year's fair are scheduled for Monday, March 2. Entry blanks of contestants must be filed in the

Woman Traffic Victim

Mrs. Marcum Dies Of Injuries From Automobile Crash

Mrs. Dessie Mae Marcum, 33, wife of W. A. Marcum of El Centro, died Thursday morning from injuries suffered in a traffic accident in El Centro early Monday.

She was the seventh person to meet death in traffic accidents in Imperial county since Jan. 1.

El Centro police officers said Mrs. Marcum said she was alone in her husband's car when the accident occurred. Later Marcum told police that his wife was driving near the intersection of Ross and Imperial avenue near the Marcum home about 6 a. m. Monday. He said she told him she started to make a turn, saw she should not turn then, and pulled the car back into the road. At this point the car went out of control, Marcum said, and plunged into a ditch beside the road.

Chief of Police Ronnie Voyles and Deputy Coroner Herbert Hagles were investigating the accident, they said Thursday, and planned to arrange an inquest.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcum lived near the Dogwood road and Ross avenue intersection.

Funeral arrangements were delayed pending the completion of the investigation and the inquest.

Ex-Head of Nazi Party Succumbs

BERLIN, Feb. 26. (UP)—(German broadcast recorded by United Press in New York)—Anton Drexler, one of the oldest Nazi party members died today at Munich.

It was believed that in this dispatch Nazi Germany had disposed of the death of Anton Drexler, a member of the Munich shoemaker who was head of the party when Adolf Hitler, fresh from his paper hanging and the last war, became member No. 7.

Gottfried Feder had founded the "party" with a handful of members, as a German workers' party when Drexler wandered into a meeting, found an outlet for his driving sense of inferiority, and soon made it over into the present Nazi party.

Pinner Funeral Scheduled Sunday

CALEXICO, Feb. 26.—Funeral services for Charles Hinton Pinner, 68, resident of Calexico since 1930, were scheduled in the El Centro Methodist church at 3 p. m. Sunday.

Pinner died early Thursday morning.

He was born in Scott county, Arkansas, and went to Indiana Territory in 1902 where he remained until 1918 in business as a merchant. He went to Miami, Okla., in 1911 where he had a hotel and was interested in lead and zinc mining. He arrived in Calexico in 1933 to join his children, Mrs. Max Brents and M. C. Pinner, and their families.

His survivors are his daughter and son in the valley, three sisters Mrs. G. D. Hughes of Heaven, Okla., Mrs. W. O. Kemp of Poteau, Okla., and Mrs. C. O. Pike of Waldron, Ark., and two brothers, E. E. Pinner of Calexico and J. P. Pinner of Miami, Okla.

MEXICANS NAB I. V. SLUGGERS

Mexican officers Thursday held two youthful hitchhikers wanted for viciously slugging Mrs. Lucille Tedrow in a daylight robbery of her cafe at Grays Wells, western tip of the sandhills in eastern Imperial county.

Don E. Stewart, 18, Washington, and William F. Cody, 20, Oregon were arrested by Mexican officials near Estacion Cuervo below the Mexican border, late Wednesday. The officers and the fugitive boarded a train at Estacion Cuervo. The boys were taken to the Mexicali jail and held there for Imperial county officers.

Mrs. Tedrow said two boys, hitchhikers, walked by her cafe about 3:30 a. m. Wednesday and ordered coffee. She said she was getting the coffee from the stove when one of the boys struck her one the head with an iron bar, inflicting a deep scalp wound.

The robbers took about \$18 and a large quantity of cigarettes and ran from the cafe Mrs. Tedrow thought they headed south across the desert toward Mexico. A call to the Imperial county sheriff's office sent deputies on the trail of the hitchhikers.

The isolated country and the sandy condition of the soil made pursuit difficult, the officers said. Descriptions of the fugitive robbers were broadcast. The Mexican officers caught the boys hitchhiking across country and arrested them.

Sheriff Robert W. Ware sent deputies to Mexicali Thursday to confer with Mexican officials and officers about the case.

Deputy sheriffs said they believed Mrs. Tedrow must have been struck twice because of the two gashes on her head. A physician took several stitches in her scalp.

Former Seeley Officer Killed

Official notice of the death of Capt. Paul Rinkle, formerly stationed at Camp Seeley, was received Thursday by friends in El Centro. Capt. Rinkle died in action in the Philippines.

Capt. Rinkle, one of the most popular of the younger officers at Camp Seeley, volunteered for active duty in the Philippines last spring, leaving Camp Seeley in June of last year. He was 30 years of age at the time of his death and is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Rinkle of Hollywood and one brother, Darron.

For many years, prior to his entrance into the army, Capt. Rinkle was identified with the Boy Scouts of America, being the youngest Scout ever to receive the Eagle Scout award in the history of the national organization. He had served as a Scoutmaster for many years and was a Reserve Officer, entering active service with the U. S. Cavalry in the spring of 1941.

Mrs. Karmee Doley of the selective service board, who for three years served as secretary to his father, received official notice of Capt. Rinkle's death. Shortly before he went to the Philippines he left to her son much of his Scout hunting and fishing equipment which today is a treasured memento in the Doley family.

Allies Strike Punishing Blows at Enemy Advances

March Quota Set For Tires, Tubes To I. V. Residents

March quotas of tires and tubes for all vehicles and trailers for trucks were announced for Imperial county Thursday by Harry Camp, regional director in the office of price administration.

Imperial county will get 61 tires and 51 tubes for passenger cars, Camp said, and 225 tires, 97 retreads, and 253 tubes for trucks and buses.

The California tire quota for passenger cars, motorcycles, and light trucks was 7,617 and the tube quota was 6,376. New tires for trucks and buses totaled 18,261 and new tubes for them totaled 20,524. The retread total for trucks was 7,859.

2 PLANES COLLIDE

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 26. (UP)—Two navy planes collided over the town of El Cajon, 16 miles east of here today, 11th naval district announced.

The planes were flying in formation at the time of the mishap.

CARROTS AGAIN

Pirates Gobble 'em Up

By THE POST-PRESS CRYSTAL BALL CORRESPONDENT
U. S. A. Feb. 26. (Special)—The Pittsburgh Pirates today set a record that no other team has ever equaled in the long and glamorous history of big league baseball, by a record that probably never will be tied in all the millenniums to come.

The Pirates won the world series by defeating the American League champions four in a row, with an average score per game of 37 to 0. Here's what happened:

The Pirates had a part of their spring training this year in Imperial Valley (El Centro to be exact) and taking a tip from the Royal Air Force and Clark Griffith, they ate nothing, absolutely nothing, for the entire training period but Imperial Valley carrots.

No spinach, no broccoli, no cabbage, no artichokes, no dandelion greens. Just carrots.

IT'S HISTORY
It seems that the Royal Air Force discovered that a carrot diet improved the night eyes of its fliers, and so the RAF now serves nothing but carrots.

Clark Griffith, headman of the Washington Senators, heard about this and, having fared not so well last season, he made the fourth dimensional deduction that the reason he didn't win the world series, or hardly any games in his own league for that matter, was that the umpires had a blind spot, and so proposed that all umpires be fed carrots so they could call the strikes better.

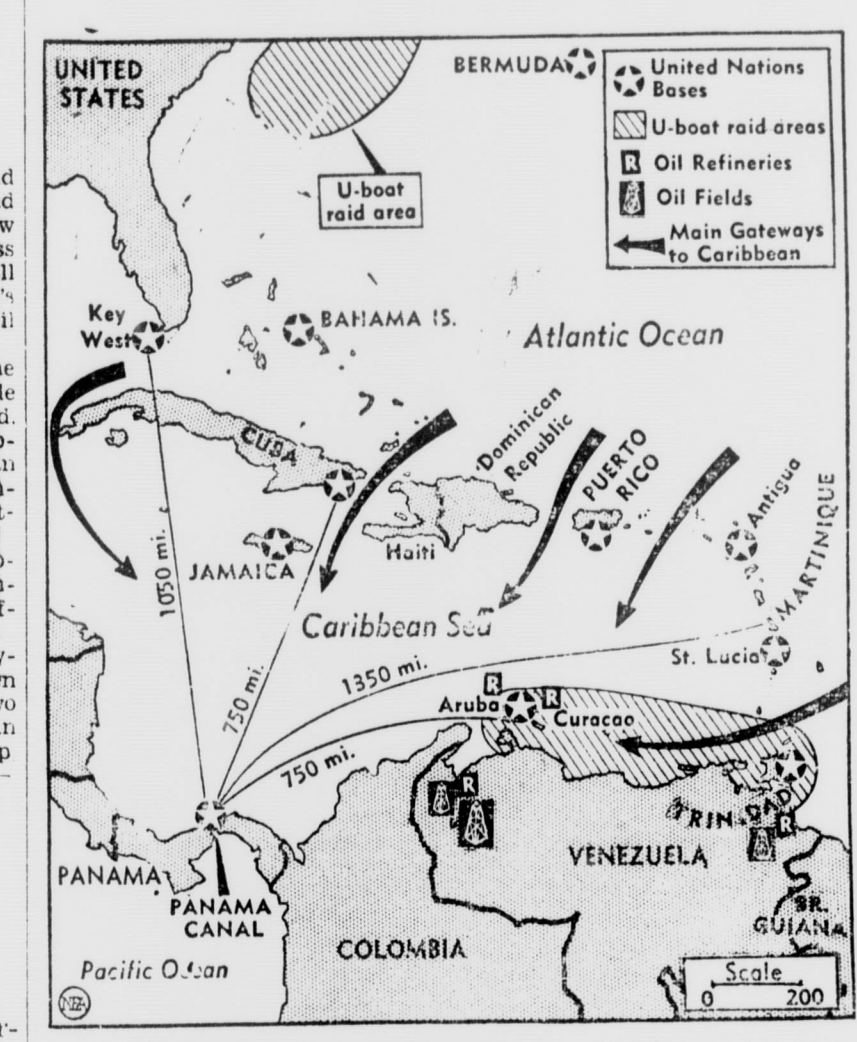
Frankie Frisch, boss of the Pirates, got word of all this, and the first thing he did upon arriving in El Centro was to get in touch with Chamber of Commerce Secretary Ben Herring, and Herring got in touch with Martin Wahl, the produce man, and Wahl started making regular deliveries of raw carrots to the Pirates' dressing room.

CARROTS BY HANDFUL
It was a common sight after that to see the Pirates eating, chewing and fielding balls with one hand, while the other hand and the mouth were filled with Wahl's carrots. Manager Cedric Durst of the San Diego Padres, whose team shared the El Centro ball yard with the Pirates, thought the whole thing was silly at first, but near the end of the training season he got hep and started dishing out carrots to his own players.

You know what happened in September, 1942. The Padres won the Pacific Coast league championship, and every single member of the team is being sought avidly by every big league club in the nation. It was all a matter of perfect eyesight, said perfect eyesight having been the key.

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U-Boat Threat To Panama Canal



U-boat attacks in the Caribbean and Atlantic emphasize the menace of undersea raiders to the Panama Canal. Map shows proximity of points of attack to vital U. S. defense link.

Java Under Siege as American Fighting Forces Batter New Invasion Fleet With Torpedo Attacks Off Bali Coastline

— BY UNITED PRESS —
American and British armed forces struck punishing new blows at the Axis in the Pacific, the Atlantic and the Mediterranean Thursday but Japanese invaders hammered forward in their offensives against Burma and Java.

Land, sea and air fighters of the United States took a leading role in new attacks that inflicted what Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson described as "appalling loss" of life on the Japanese in addition to the sinking or damaging of seven U-boats in the Atlantic.

Dispatches from main fighting fronts showed:

Experts in China Believe Japs Plan Russian Invasion

CHUNGKING, CHINA, Feb. 26. (UP)—Well informed American, British and Chinese military experts expressed belief today that Japan would attack Russia through Siberia within two months. Russian sources likewise expressed belief that the attack would come but declined to speculate on its date.

Most of the experts, however, based their opinion on the belief that it was imperative for Japan to protect its flank and remove the danger of a Russian attack or of an arrangement by which United States planes might be based in Siberia.

The experts said they believed Japan would attack Russia as soon as the invasion of the Netherlands East Indies had taken a decided turn in its favor and that the attack would be made before any attempt to conquer India or Australia.

They said also that an invasion of Australia was not of vital immediate importance to Japan, because it had occupied Timor and occupation of New Guinea would make Darwin, in northern Australia, untenable as a major naval base, without control of the air.

WASHINGTON 'ALERT'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. (UP)—The police raid system here carried an air raid alert warning at 1:31 a. m. EWT today, but the origin of the signal was a mystery.

'Little Red Ladies' in U. S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (UP)—Some American rookies lounging around an Army post whistled to day as their visitors walked by.

The whistles were not jibes at the visitors—most of them big, brawny men, with wind and sun-tanned faces. They are Scots, part of a British detachment quartered at the post, and whistling was the first reaction of the Americans when they saw their kilts and Tom-O-Shanters.

The detachment is the first fleet of foreign infantry quartered in the United States since the beginning of this war. Their date of arrival, their destination, or their purpose in American soil may not be disclosed.

But it may be revealed that all are hardened veterans. Those who have not fought the Axis fought in the first World War. Some have fought in both wars.

The exigencies of war have restricted kilts to the Scots' officers and the Highlanders' pipe band.

The Scots privates looked like the English, except for their black, hosiery boots.

Whatever they wore, they were getting along well with American soldiers and with civilians of New York.

Scots' burrs, the cockney of London, the accent of Brooklyn and the drawl of Alabama mingled in the Y.M.C.A. canteen.

Private Joseph McGoran, a Glasgow barman in private life, reported that the Scotch whisky he had drunk in the United States was too raw, although weaker than that at home. "He said the beer here was milder, too."

Scots Lance Corporal Charles Beaton, 22, of Iweress, said he likes American girls well enough, but "I'll go back to Scotland for the girls. They mature less rapidly there. Your girls of 15 in New York are equivalent to girls of 25 in Scotland."

Planes Over L. A. Believed Flown By Axis Agents

Stimson Says I5 'Commercial Type' Craft Caused Wednesday Alarm; Camouflaged Landing Fields Hinted

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 26. (UP)—The official report that aircraft "probably operated by enemy agents" were over southern California during yesterday's raid alarm brought the statement from local authorities today that army, navy and civilian agencies would have to "beat the brush" of isolated western areas in an effort to locate possible secret air bases.

Knox Reveals 21 Enemy Submarines Sunk By U. S. Navy

Losses May be Bigger But Evidence is Not Conclusive, Report

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. (UP)—The U. S. Navy's vigorous counter-attacks against German submarines are believed to have resulted in 21 of the raiders being sunk or damaged out of at least 70 attacked, official statements revealed today.

A navy spokesman said enemy submarine losses may have been even greater but that the evidence was not conclusive enough to warrant additional claims. The navy department has avoided making positive claims of sinkings, but in those cases where it "believes" submarines have been sunk or damaged the substantiating evidence has been "excellent," the spokesman said.

Last Dec. 21 Secretary of Navy Frank Knox announced that 14 German submarines probably had been sunk or damaged by American naval forces operating in the Atlantic. In that report Knox did not disclose the number of submarines attacked.

56 ATTACKS MADE

Knox reported yesterday that in 56 attacks during January and the first 23 days of February, the navy was believed to have destroyed three submarines and damaged four. Some evidence of success in the other attacks was not conclusive.

There is a gap of 10 days in the time covered by the two Knox statements. A navy spokesman said it was quite probable that four or five attacks were made on enemy submarines during that period—from Dec. 21 to Jan. 1.

The navy has observed a policy of not announcing submarine counter-measures until it is reasonably certain that the enemy is aware of its losses. Whether there have been attacks since Monday was not revealed.

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Blast at Junior FDR Draws Fire

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. (UP)—Rep. William T. Pfeiffer, R., N. Y., charged in the house today that Lieut. Franklin D. Roosevelt, jr., son of the President, is being accorded "favored treatment" by the navy.

Pfeiffer said young Roosevelt was given a month's shore leave after he underwent an appendectomy last week. Similar treatment, he charged, would not be accorded sons of poor families.

He asserted the leave was an example of "favored treatment" generally granted the sons of prominent families by the navy. He added that naval commissions have given to favored youths "on a silver platter."

The charge drew a sharp rebuke from House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack, Mass., who described it as an effort to "undermine respect for the President" in the public mind.

McCormack added it was "unfair sniping" at the President's sons, "who are seeking the most hazardous duties that can be assigned them."

He asked that future utterances from the house floor be "tolerant and temperate." Congressman, he said, are "playing with the future of the country" by employing such tactics.

Reps. Clifton Woodrum, D., Va., and Joe Hendricks, D., Fla., told the house that young Roosevelt received the same treatment accorded any other member of the navy.

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